Statement II

Ways and means advance and medium term loan released by government of India to states during 2004-05 (So far)

(Rs. in crores)

Name of the State	Ways & Means Advance	Medium Term Loan
1. Assam	200.00	-
2. Himachal Pradesh	100.00	-
3. Kerala	350.00	-
4. Madhya Pradesh	250.00	-
5. Manipur	331.00	609.00
6. Meghalaya	065.00	-
7. Nagaland	100.00	-
8. Punjab	200.00	-
Total	1596.00	609.00

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO THE UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Fleet Expansion Programme of IA

1386. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have allowed domestic airlines to fly on international routes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have directed the Indian Airlines to complete its fleet expansion programme before it starts flying on international routes; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not granting international routes to Indian Airlines and whether this would slow down the global expansion plans of the state-owned carrier to the benefit of private operators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL) (a) Yes, Sir. Indian Scheduled Carriers having continuous operations of at leas* 5 years in the domestic sector and having a minimum fleet size of 20 aircraft have been permitted to operate on international routes except UAE, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Indian Airlines is already operating on a number of international sectors. Indian Airlines have also been permitted to operate additional services to Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and UAE (Sharjah) effective Summer 2005 as per their requests. They have also been designated for operations to UK and USA. Their requests for operations to other overseas destinations will be considered as and when specific requests are received subject to availability of traffic rights.

New International Airport at Mumbai

1387. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of CMLAVIATION be pleased
to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CIDCO has proposed a new international airport near Panvel at Navi Mumbai with public-private participation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when, Government propose to give approval in principle to this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. M/s City and Industrial Development Corporation (CIDCO) have submitted a project proposal for development of international airport at Navi Mumbai. The proposal provides parallel runways at a separation of 1035 meters, construction of terminal buildings, cargo terminals, airlines maintenance buildings etc.

(c) M/s CIDCO have been advised to carry out the simulation study for the proposed operations at the new site with a view to determine that there would be no conflict of flying operations at Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai due to the orientations of the runway proposed at Navi Mumbai.

Apex Airlines Fares to Srinagar

1388. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approved to accord Srinagar airport the status of an International Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are also considering introduction of APEX fares to Srinagar to boost ailing tourism industry in Jammu and Kashmir; and